SUSSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Sussex County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment has dropped from 1,195 students in 2009 to 1,071 projected students in 2018.

- 28% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 14% statewide
- 82% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014 compared to 42% statewide
- 1% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017 compared to 12% statewide

STAFFING

Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are fewer staff in Sussex County Public Schools. This includes:

- 11 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 2 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 6 More teacher aides
- 3 Fewer support staff
- 10 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has fallen sharply for Sussex County Public Schools after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Sussex has taken on a larger share of funding.

Did you know ....

- that a one-cent increase in Sussex’s property tax rate can raise about $85,300?
- that Sussex invested 187.1% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis August 2017